# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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COMPUTERISATION IN COURTS
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**Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a decision to set up enquiry offices in all the High Courts/Subordinates Courts of the country on the lines of the Supreme Court, besides starting the use of information technology for the immediate disposal of cases in the district courts has been taken in the meeting of the law secretaries of States convened in June,2000 in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS {SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a) to (c) As far as the setting up of enquiry offices in High Courts on the pattern of the Supreme Court is concerned, it is an ongoing programme. Its implementation was monitored in the meeting of June, 2000. As per available information, facilitation centres/enquriy counters for the convenience of litigant public have been established in the High Courts of Andhra Pradesh, Calcutta, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh. Funds were earmarked in the aforesaid meeting for the High Courts of Gauhati, Karnataka, Kerala and Rajasthan who had projected their demands for funds for setting up of such facilitation centres/enquiry counters. The remaining High Courts have also been requested to establish such centres.

As regards the use of information Technology in the district courts, a decision was taken during the meeting to release a sum of Rs. 208.00 lakhs to various States and UTs in accordance with the guidelines of these Planning Commission. The State Governments/UTs are free to utilise their allocation for setting up of facilitation centres/enquiry counters in district courts also in consultation with the respective High Courts. The amount of Rs. 208 lakhs allocated for use of Information Technology in courts has been released to various States and UTs on 5,7.2000.